

Coastal Cleanup and Summer Tips

Join in the effort to clean trash and debris from America's coastal areas, including local waterways in Solano County. The Annual Coastal Cleanup Day is on Saturday, September 17.

Check the Coastal Cleanup website at www.coastal.ca.gov for a complete list of activities.

Landlords Take Note!

Landlords are urged to check the status of their tenants' garbage bills. Owners are responsible for the payment of the bill. Garbage bills become delinquent after 90 days. Unsettled debts and fees may be placed as liens on the property. Lien letters are sent to property owners in February, April, and June. Landlords who are unsure of their tenants' payment status are encouraged to call **Recology** at 448-2945 with the account number and property address to check the account status.



Winners of the City of Vacaville's Earth Day Coloring Contest are pictured above. Winners in the back row include (left to right) Alexzander Krieger, Hannah Lee and Karly Cunningham. Front row winners are (left to right) Gabriella Cuevas, Brooklyn Mikos, Kelsey Hobbs and Andre Palarca. Not pictured are Monica Ramirez and Nick Monderen.

No Plastic Bags!

Plastic bags must never be placed in the green yardwaste or blue recyclables Toters®. Plastic bags should be returned to the store or placed in the gray trash Toter®. Only leaves, grass clippings, weeds, vegetables, bread, fruit, and tree or shrub prunings may go inside the green Toter®. No other materials may be mixed with your yardwaste.

Extra Yardwaste Assistance

Customers have options for extra yardwaste collection. The first option is to rent additional yardwaste Toters® from **Recology**. The second option is to use your own sturdy 32-gallon cans that have handles and tight fitting lids. The third option is to use twine to tie tree or shrub prunings into bundles that are no larger than 3 feet by 2 feet. There is no extra charge for bundles or extra cans. Place either beside your green Toter®. Your green Toter® must be set out to use Extra Yardwaste services.



Recology is changing everything! Look for our new street sweeper as it scrubs the streets of Vacaville. The sweeper sports the **Recology** colors and logo.



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Help Our Drivers Work Safely

Route drivers for **Recology** are experts at safe driving. They drive thousands of miles each year over the streets of Vacaville as they collect materials. Drivers are constantly scanning the streets and sidewalks for vehicles, children, pets, and other forms of potential danger. Each driver takes great pride in working efficiently and safely. Drivers are powerless, however, when impatient drivers take dangerous risks passing them.

In response to this danger **Recology** is adopting the "Slow Down to Get Around" safety warnings to keep customers aware of



the need for extra caution around working trucks.

"We all know to take extra caution when passing school buses or emergency vehicles," explains General Manager Scott Pardini. "Other drivers need to take the same caution with our trucks as we work our routes."

When approaching working **Recology** trucks drivers are urged to:

- slow down
- look carefully
- check for oncoming traffic
- pass safely
- avoid distractions like eating, texting, talking, or changing radio stations.



Use extra caution when approaching or passing working **Recology** trucks. Children, pets, and other dangers can be difficult to spot; so be careful driving near or around trucks.

Recology Shines at Fiesta Days!



The **Recology Vacaville Solano** team walked away with Fiesta Day Parade first-place awards for our Drill Team and our "Buddy Blue" mascot. Our vintage garbage truck scored a second-place award.



(left top) Buddy Blue and Jason Krogue energize the crowd during the Fiesta Days Parade in Vacaville.

(left bottom) The vintage garbage truck carries employees, family, and friends of **Recology** as the drill team performs intricate drills to delight the crowd.



Recology Drill Team members include (front row left to right) Daniel Melgoza, Gabriel Jimenez, Thom Hope and Paul Bandettini. (back row left to right) Joe Rojas, Kevin Lewis, José Correa, Chris Carson, Denny Halling and Jason Krogue.



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Clean Up!



Each residential customer is now allowed two on-call curbside Residential Clean-up Program collections at no extra charge! **Recology** drivers will come right to your house to collect up to 12 trash bags or a single bulky item like a refrigerator, couch, or large piece of furniture.

Vacaville residents who reside in the city limits may bring their shovels and obtain free compost at **Recology Hay Road**. Compost is available until October 31, 2011, weather permitting.

Just show your garbage bill or other identification at the scalehouse. Customers are entitled to three yards per visit, one visit per day. Compost supply is limited and subject to supplies on hand. Remember to bring a tarp to cover your load of compost.

Customers may combine their two collections into a single collection of twice the quantity of materials.

The trash bags must not be larger than 32-gallons or weigh more than 25 pounds when full. Hazardous waste must not be included. Customers are encouraged to use their blue and green Toters® for recycling. Click recologyvacavillesolano.com or call us at 448-2945 with questions.

HHW Recycling

The **Recology HHW Recycling Center** in Vacaville accepts auto batteries, antifreeze, paint, solvents, thinners, pesticides, herbicides, aerosols, gas, auto fluids, fluorescent lighting tubes, spa and pool chemicals, or other household toxins. Materials are only accepted from residential customers from Vacaville, Dixon, and unincorporated Solano County. No appointments are necessary to use the facility.

Customers may also bring up to five electronic devices per visit to the center for recycling. Call us at 448-2945 or click on our website at recologyvacavillesolano.com for complete information.



New Expanded List!!

What can and cannot be recycled?

Following is the newly revised list of acceptable and *unacceptable* materials for the blue recyclables Toter®. Vacaville residents now may recycle empty steel aerosol cans, glass food containers, plastic tubs, clean pizza boxes, shredded paper in paper bags, softcover books, loose lids from jars, clean aluminum cans or foil, and rinsed milk & juice containers. For information about recycling and other services, click recologyvacavillesolano.com or call us at 448-2945.

Glass

All beverage and food containers in all colors. Empty container, rinse, and remove lid or cap.

No drinking glasses, ceramics, window glass or mirrors, fluorescent tubes or light bulbs.

Plastic

All #1 through #7 narrow-neck bottles (water, soda, and detergent bottles). All California Redemption Value (CRV) containers. All

colors. Non-bottle plastic-like toys, trays. Plastic tubs for margarine, butter, yogurt, etc. Empty all containers, rinse, and remove lid or cap.

No cups, garden hoses, etc., plastic bags or Styrofoam, PVC or other piping.

Metal

Food and beverage cans (aluminum, steel, and tin). Rinse. Clean aluminum pans or foil. Empty aerosol cans. Loose lids from jars.

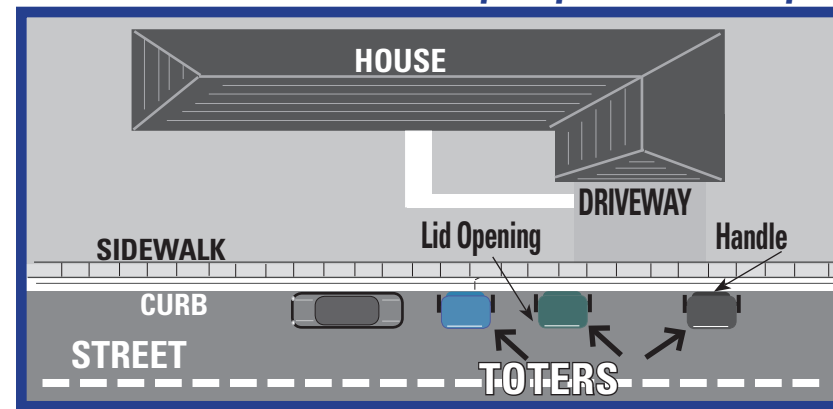
No electronic or computer equipment, hangers, scrap metal, fuel tanks, propane tanks, etc.

Paper

Newspaper, boxes, bags, cardboard (flattened), magazines, catalogs, glossy paper, phone books, softcover books, shredded paper in paper bags, rinsed milk cartons, rinsed juice cartons, junk mail, envelopes, all colors of office paper.

No hardcover books or binders, soiled papers, food wrappings, napkins, tissues or towels.

Check for proper Toter® placement



- Toters® should be placed out with the wheels touching the curb. The lid should open to the street with the handle in the back.
- Don't block the sidewalk.
- Don't park cars within 5 feet of Toters®.
- Place Toters® 5 feet apart.
- Put Toters® out by 6:00 AM on your pickup day.
- Remove Toters® from curb by 6:00 PM and place them out of view from the street.



Keeping Us Safe

Before retiring from the U.S. Air Force with 20 years of service, Bill Burrage took an interest in **Recology**.

"I had friends who worked for **Recology**," explains Bill, "so I did some research on the company."

Bill liked what he found in his research. He learned about the long history the company has in delivering service to Vacaville. He also learned how the company is owned by the employees who work for it.

"People who are employed by **Recology** love their jobs," Bill said. "There are many opportunities here and everybody cares about their customers and fellow employees."

Bill accepted a position with **Recology** after his retirement four years ago. He has now taken a new post as the Environmental Compliance & Safety Manager. The job carries the responsibility to keep customers and employees safe while keeping up with new regulations that continue to be enacted.

"I have to wear many hats," said Bill. "I see myself as a friend of the environment. Everyone at **Recology** works to exceed all our customers' expectations to provide exceptional service in a way that is safe and protects the environment."

Bill lives in Vacaville with his wife Tracy and son B.J., age 19. Tracy and Bill are avid bicyclists. Bill represents **Recology** in many biking events.



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